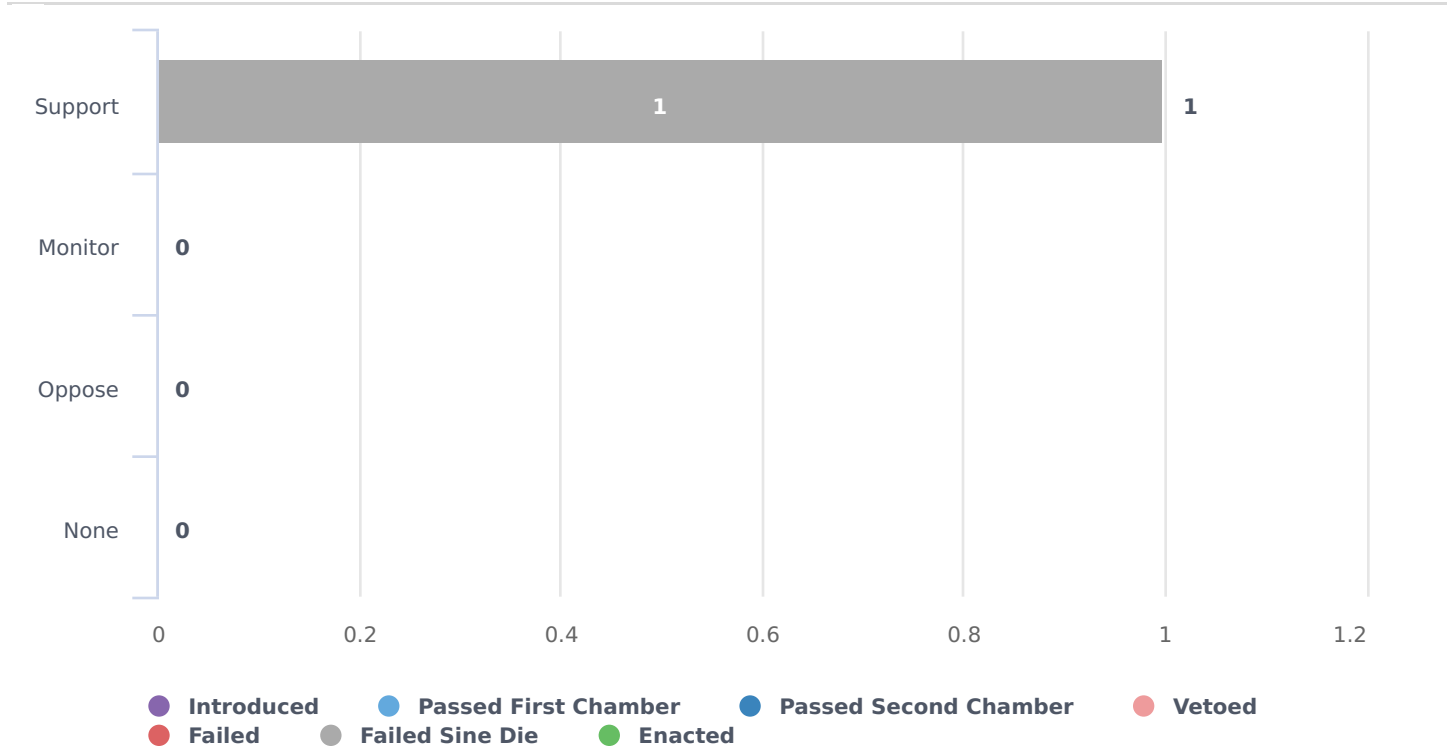


# New Mexico - 2024 Legislative Overview

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Bills by Last Status and Position



**Bill State: NM (1)**

**Title**  
ANIMAL WELFARE FUNDING ACT

**Primary Sponsors**  
Tara Lujan, Joseph Sanchez, Cynthia Borrego

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The "Animal Welfare Funding Act" is an Act requiring the Department of Finance & Administration to: (1) Administer animal welfare grants; (2) Create the Animal Welfare Trust Fund; and (3) Create the Animal Welfare Grant Fund. Provides that a qualified entity shall apply for an animal welfare grant for a project relating to domestic cats, dogs or equines in a form provided by the department. Projects could include: (1) Animal shelter construction and renovation; (2) Purchase of vehicles, equipment, software, etc. by shelters to reduce animal intake and euthanasia rates; (3) Investigating and responding to reports of animal cruelty; and (4) Provide feed, shelter, veterinary care to lower income residents. Provides that the department shall promulgate rules regarding application and qualification for animal welfare grants. Creates the "Animal Welfare Trust Fund" in the State Treasury to consist of appropriations, grants, gifts, donations and income from investment of the fund. Creates the "Animal Welfare Grant Fund" in the State Treasury to consist of appropriations, gifts, grants, donations, distributions from the trust fund and income from the investment of the fund. Provides that \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Animal Welfare Trust Fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2025 and subsequent fiscal years to carry out the purposes of the Animal Welfare Funding Act. For purposes of this section: "Qualified entity" means a state agency, a county or municipal government or its agent, a tribal government or its agent or a nonprofit corporation.

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